

# Automated Stratigraphic Mapping using Convolutional Neural Networks

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# Mapping Layered Deposits on Mars

Layered deposits have been found all over Mars.

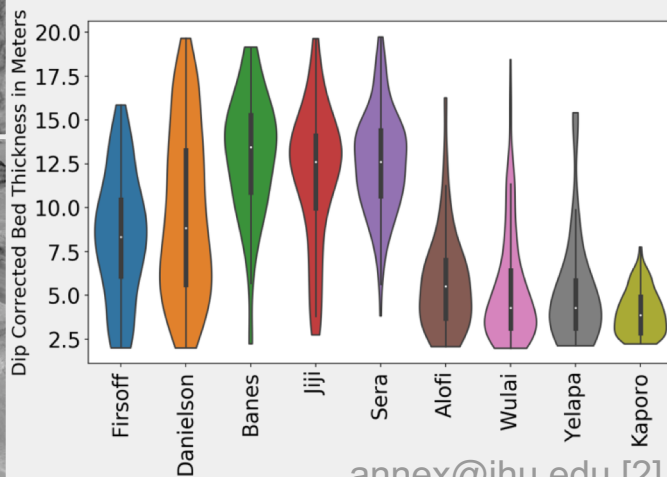
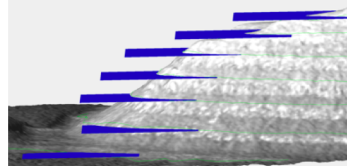
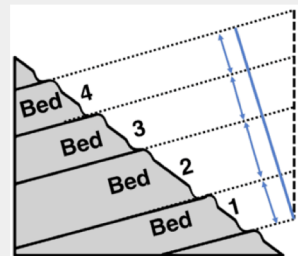
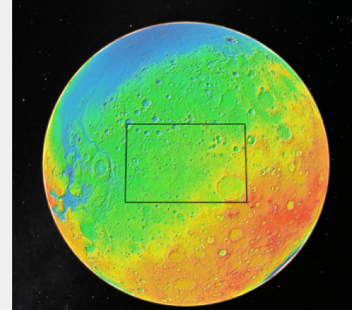
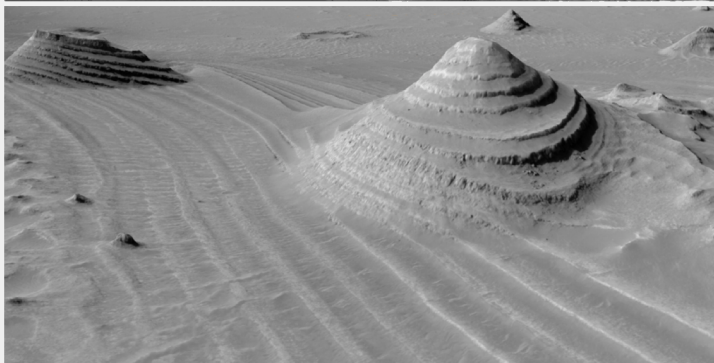
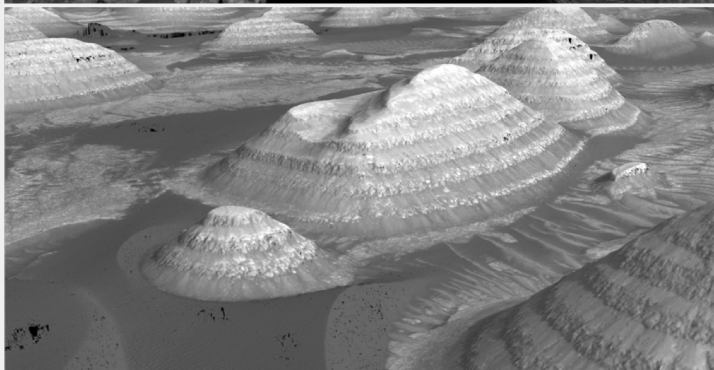
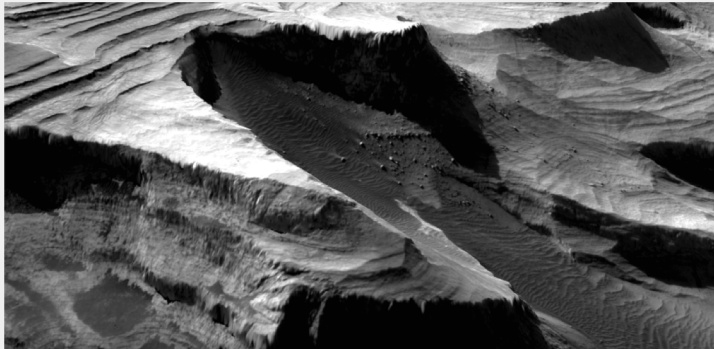
We don't know why/how!

We make high resolution DEMs (elevation models) with HiRISE images

We measure orientations and layer thickness to examine spatial trends in the deposits. (Annex et al. 2018 in prep)

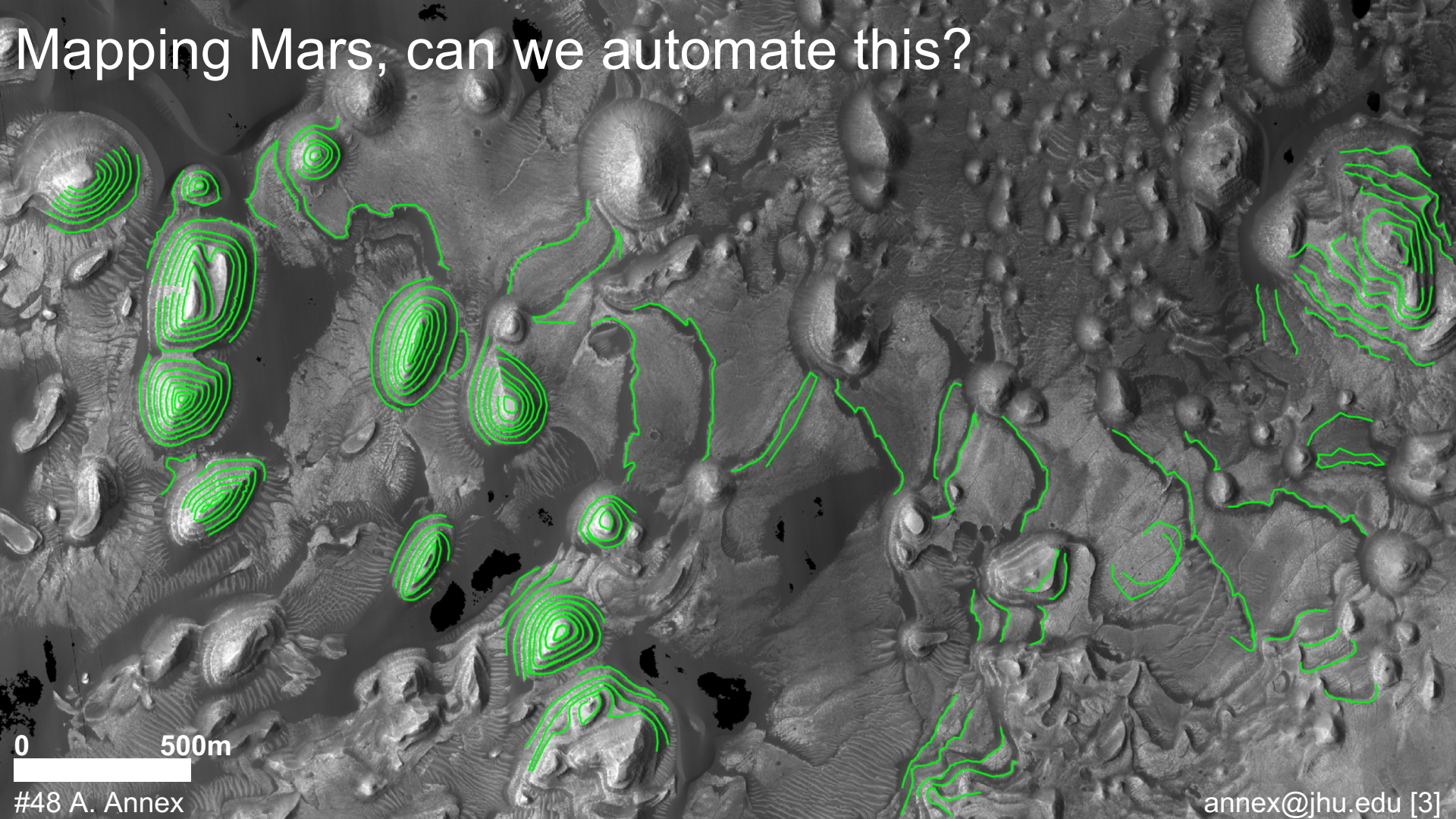
It is a lot of work!

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# Mapping Mars, can we automate this?



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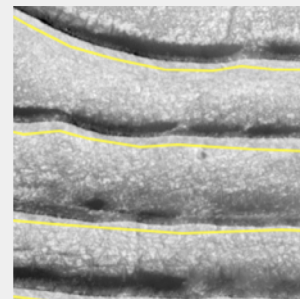
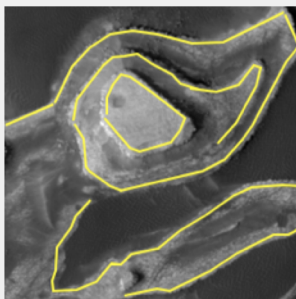
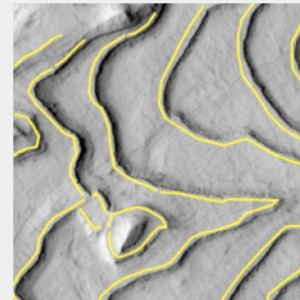
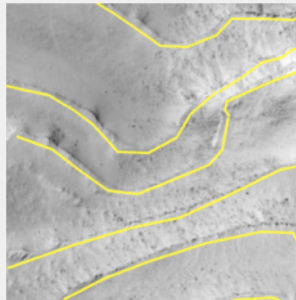
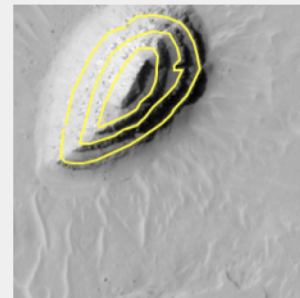
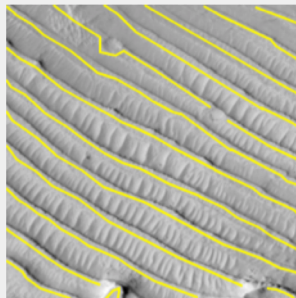
# Training data & examples

Human labels (yellow lines),  
1 meter per pixel images

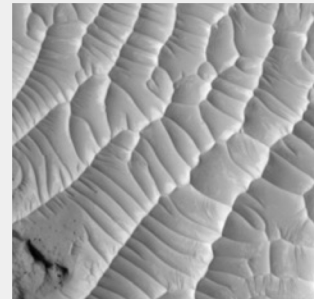
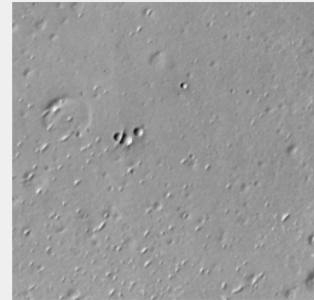
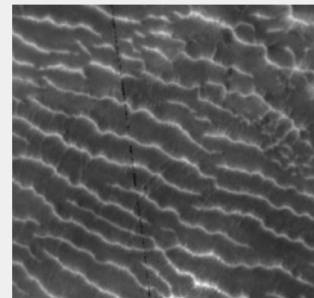
1. Improved labels with VGG Image Annotator (VIA)
2. Training data covers diverse morphologies of layered deposits,
3. 797 images total
4. Overall, an imbalanced classification problem!

Used modified U-net architecture  
(added batchnorm).  
keras data augmentation

True Positives



True Negatives



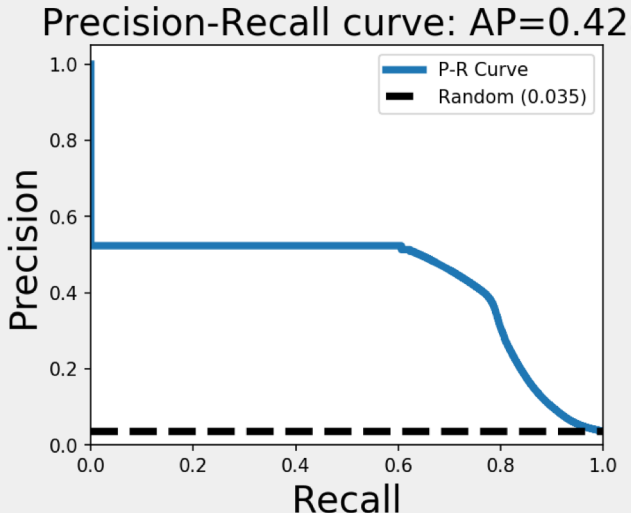
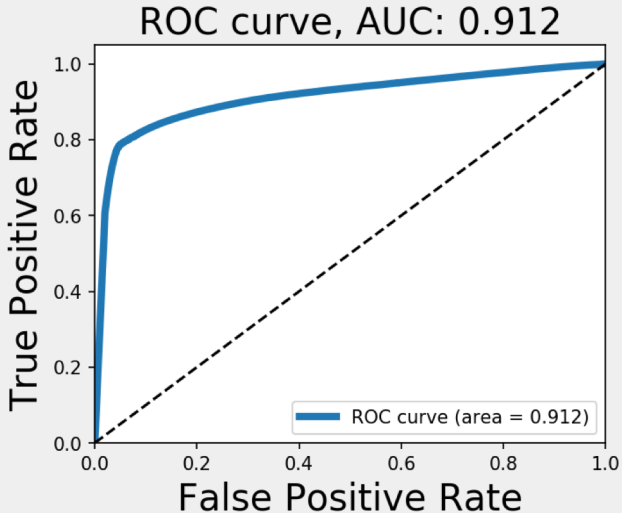
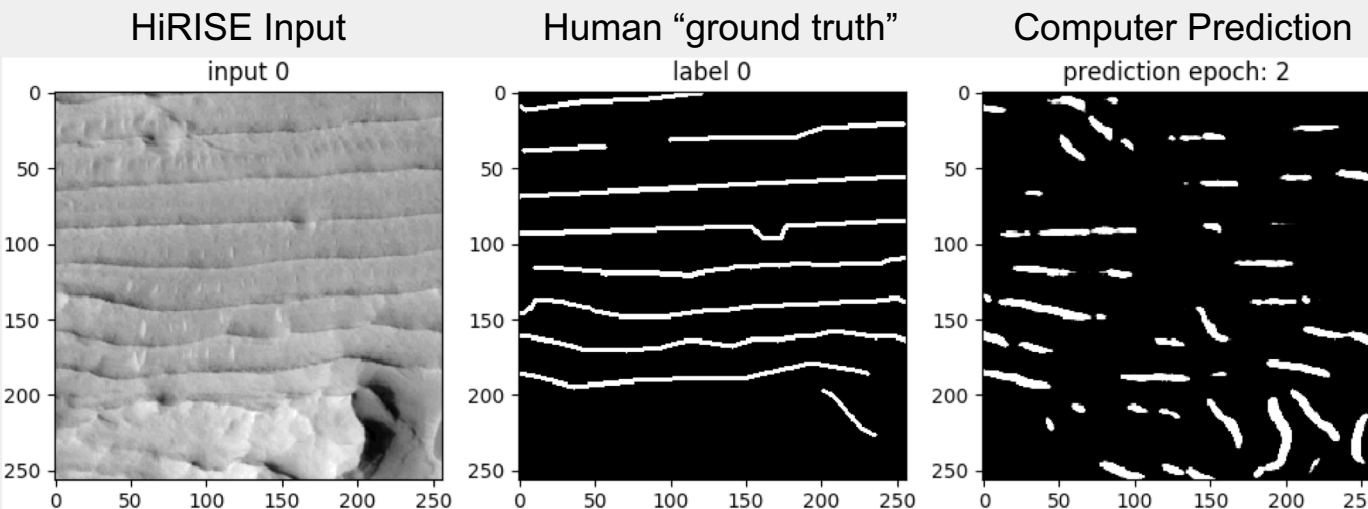


# U-net metrics

# Params	10,700,546
MCC (-1,1)	0.54
Macro F1	0.76
Macro Precision	0.71
Macro Recall	0.85

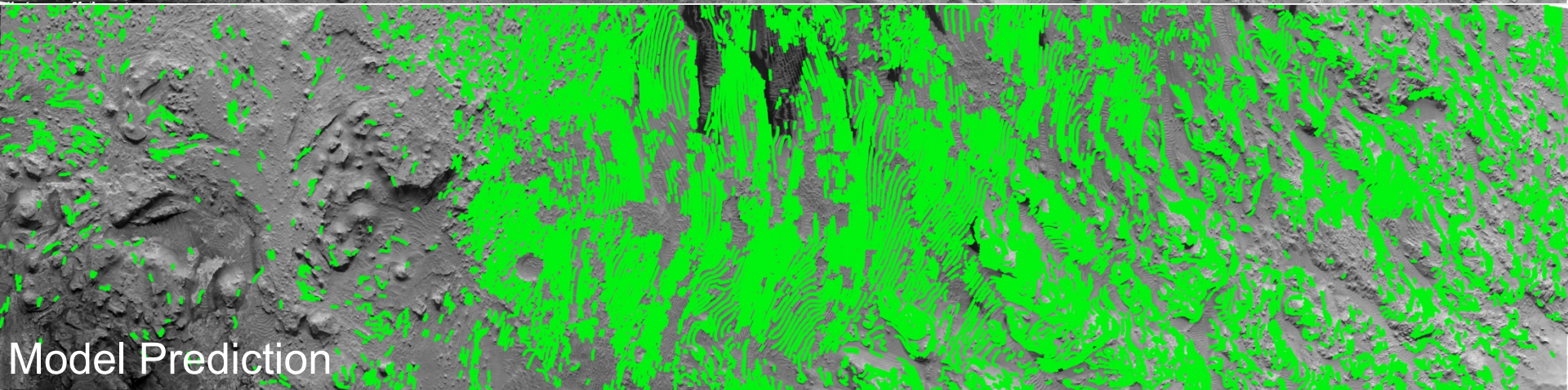
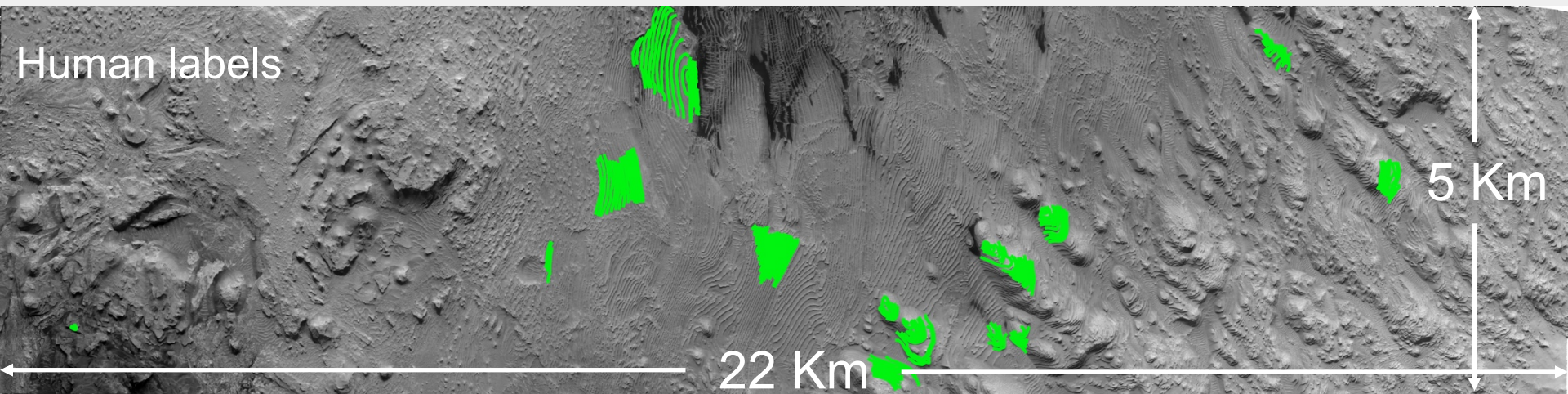
## Normalized Confusion Matrix

T=382564 F=10627484	False (P)	True (P)
False (A)	0.964	0.035
True (A)	0.261	0.738

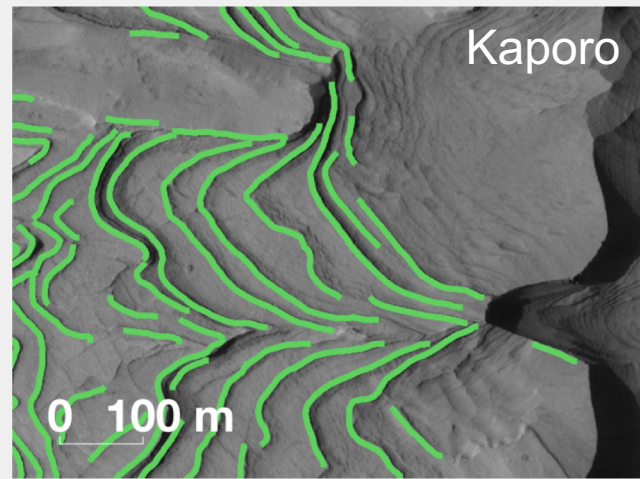
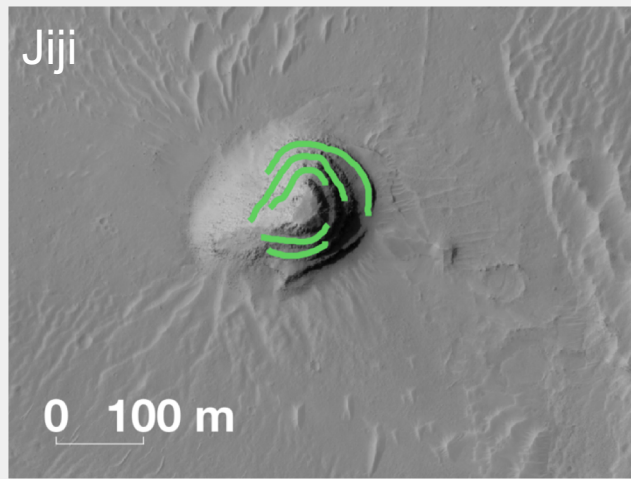
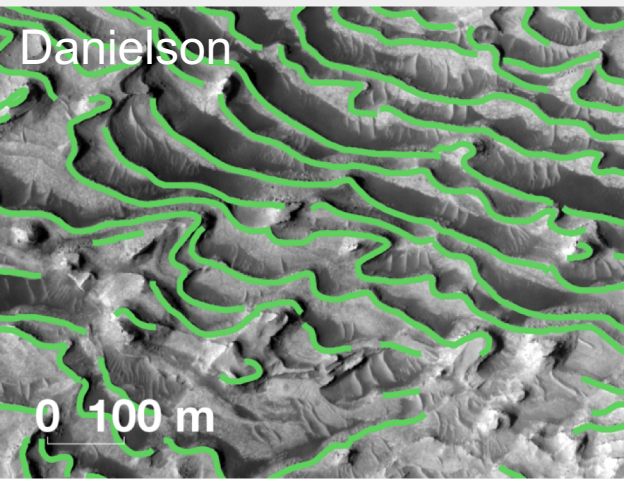
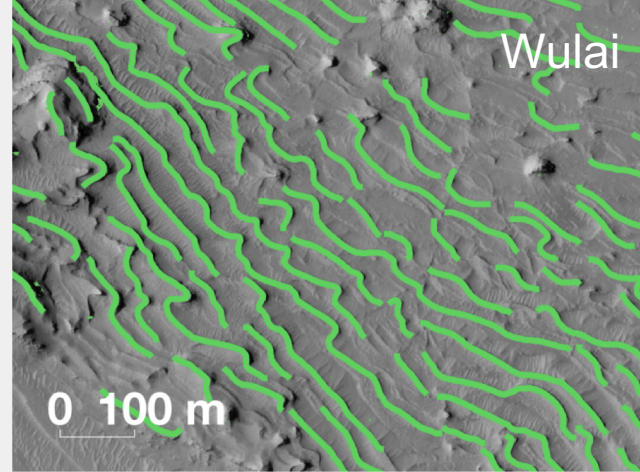
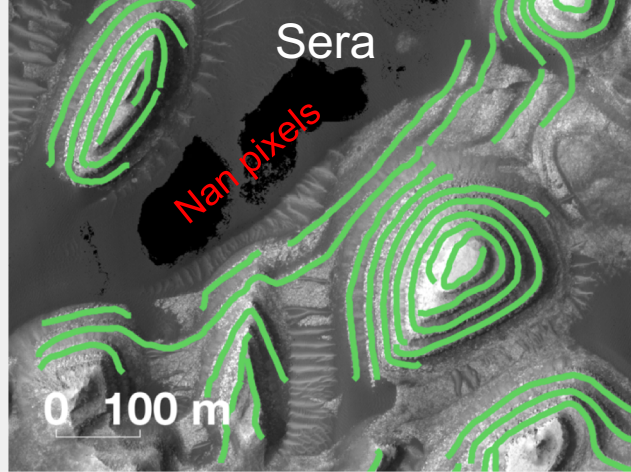
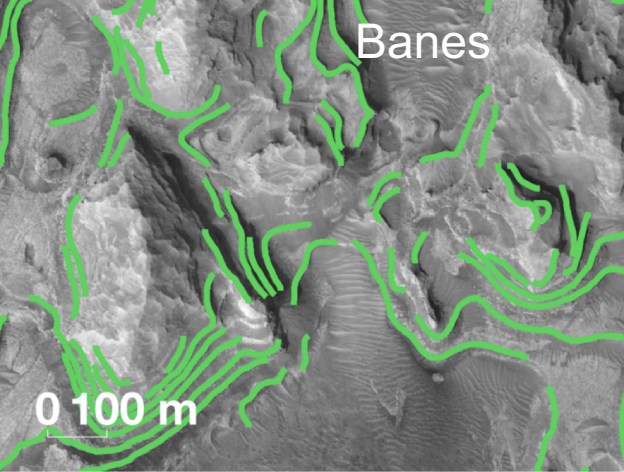


# Human vs CNN results in Danielson Crater

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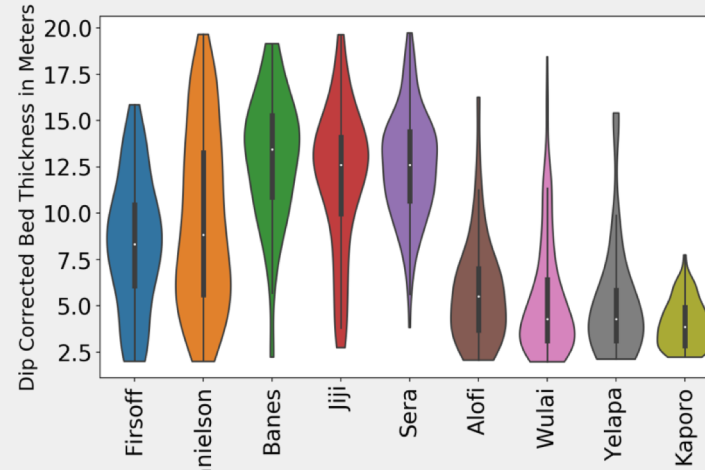




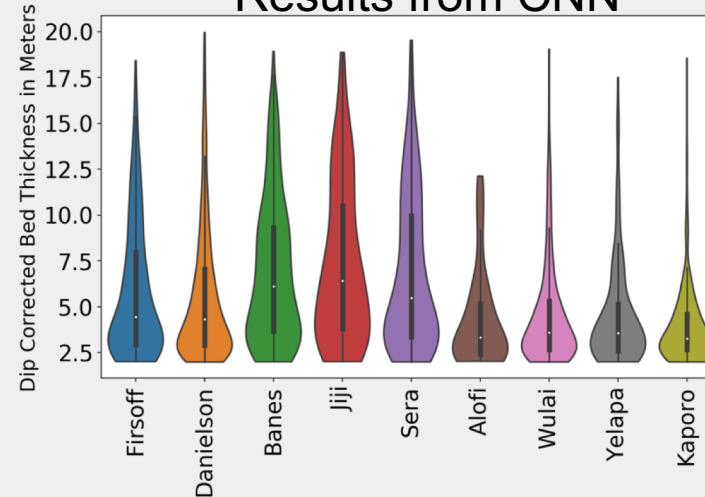
# Results from CNN mapping

- ~40k strata mapped
- 16k layer thicknesses
- 5k after naive filtering
- Human time: several days, months in human “wall time”
- Computer time: a few hours to train, minutes to run predicts & fits
- Need to work on better post processing and filtering...

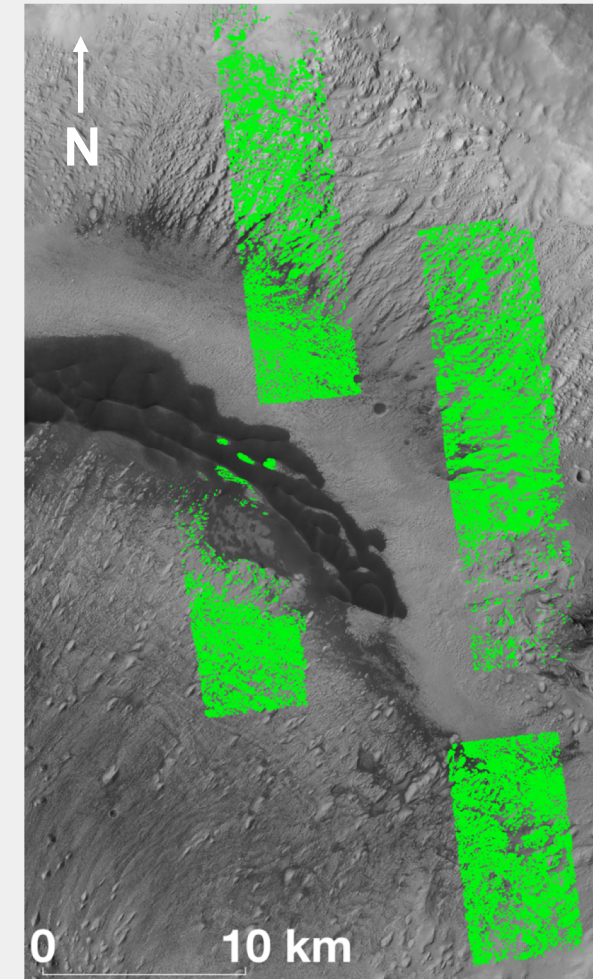
## Manual Results



## Results from CNN



## CNN predictions in Green



# Conclusions

1. Planetary Sciences can benefit from dl/ml to automate tasks that are not science! Save grad students from scientific busy work.
2. U-net produced good results, with multiple morphologies of layered units present in training data.
3. Newer architectures to test: 100 layer Tiramisu, GANs.
4. Need to try older methods: HOG+SVM.
5. Need to use CV to compare these models.
6. Mutual benefits between EO and Planetary fields.



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